



Atty. Dkt. No. 016887-1038

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Yukio HEMMI et al.
Title: NUCLEAR POWER PLANT SYSTEM
AND METHOD OF OPERATING THE
SAME
Appl. No.: 09/821,732
Appl. Filing Date: 03/30/2001
Examiner: J. Keith
Art Unit: 3641

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
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Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application. This RCE and the enclosed items listed below are being filed prior to the earliest of: (1) payment of the issue fee (unless a petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.313 is granted); (2) abandonment of the application; or (3) the filing of a notice of appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit under 35 U.S.C. §141, or the commencement of a civil action under 35 U.S.C. §145 or §146 (unless the appeal or civil action is terminated).

1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114:** (check items that apply)

a. Previously submitted:

☐ Please enter and consider the amendment/reply previously filed on ____.

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☐ Please consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on ____.

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b. Enclosed are:

☒ Amendment/Reply.

☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s).

☐ Information Disclosure Statement.

☐ Form PTO-1449 with copies of ____ listed reference(s).

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Miscellaneous:

☐ Suspension of action of the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of ____ months.

The filing fee is calculated below:

	Claims as Amended	Previously Paid For	Extra Claims Present	Rate	Fee Totals
RCE Fee 1.17(e):				\$770.00	= \$770.00
Total Claims:	20	- 23	= 0	x \$18.00	= \$0.00
Independents	3	- 3	= 0	x \$86.00	= \$0.00
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☒ Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for the total number of months checked below:

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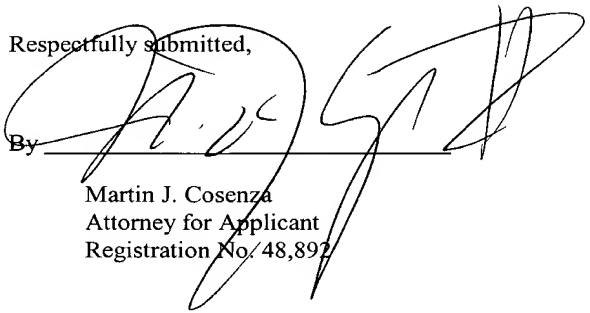
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AMENDMENT AND REPLY

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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Final Office Action dated September 25, 2003, concerning the above-referenced patent application.

This Response is accompanied by a Request for Continued Examination (RCE).

Applicant has enclosed with this amendment a Petition for Extension of Time to make this response timely.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this document.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows: